

STREETS & LANES

Streets and Lanes shall be maintained, reclaimed or reconstructed for public use wherever historically present. Similar connected street patterns shall be added in areas of new development.

Oglethorpe Plan

Development shall preserve or reconstruct the original ward pattern of streets and lanes in the Oglethorpe Plan area between Gaston Street, Bay Street, Martin Luther King Boulevard and East Broad Street. Historic Rights-of-Way shall remain open or have cause to be re-opened and shall not be used for private purposes.

Adjacent Grid Pattern

Development shall preserve or reconstruct the original grid pattern of streets and lanes adjacent to the Oglethorpe Plan. Rights-of-Way shall remain open or have cause to be re-opened and shall not be used for private purposes.

Downtown Expansion Areas

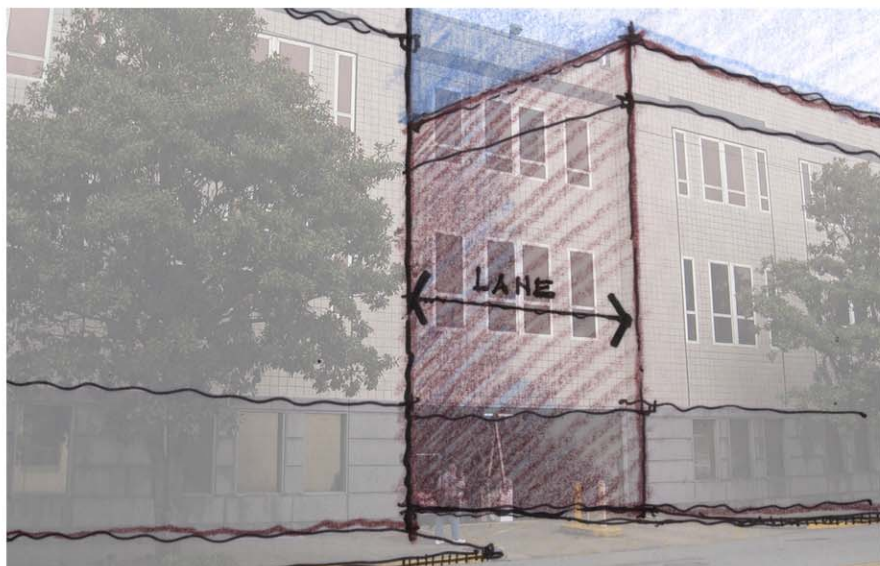
Development in adjacent Downtown Expansion Areas shall create patterns of streets and lanes consistent in dimensions, and connected to the ward pattern and grid pattern of streets and lanes in adjacent neighborhoods. New Rights-of-Way shall be made public, remain open at all times, and shall not be used for private purposes.

Why This Matters

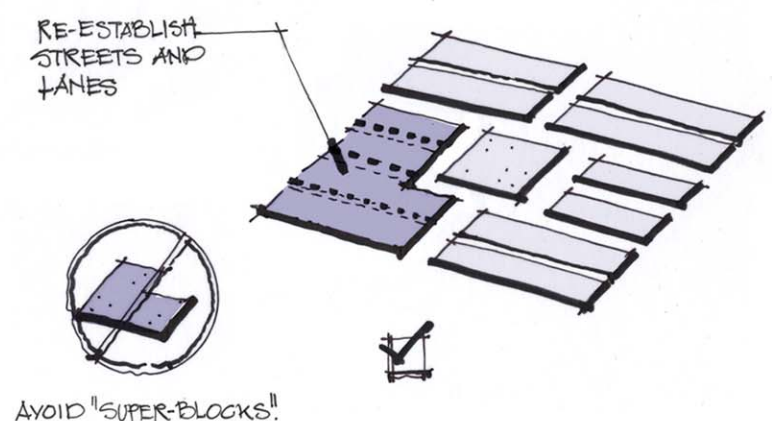
The character of Savannah is a direct result of its extraordinarily unique urban plan. The rhythm and scale of its small blocks has been the primary influence on its built form.

In areas where the street plan has been preserved, the quality of human scale and economic diversity is greatest. In areas where streets and lanes have been closed, the scale and character of the City has been diminished.

Patterns of small blocks and connected streets increase pedestrian access, sight lines, traffic calming, on-street parking, mixed-uses and enhance economic vitality.



Remember future opportunities to re-open closed streets and lanes.



Restore Streets & Lanes



New development should precisely restore lost street patterns.



Re-establish the Oglethorpe Plan rights-of-way in areas consolidated by previous development.

DESIGN PRINCIPLE I

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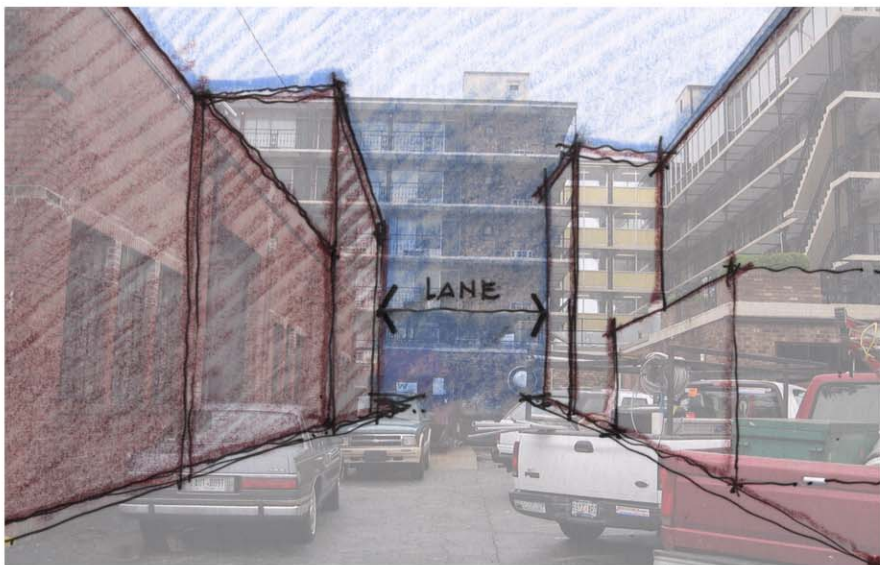
Despite leaving access below, covering over streets negatively impacts the user's experience at the street level, and diminishes the quality of the street.



Restoring closed streets can greatly enhance the neighborhood and pedestrian experience.



Bridging of lanes when necessary for civic and institutional uses should be carefully considered by the community.



Building across streets and lanes eliminates sight lines and ease of access.



Configuration of new development should restore the street and lane structure.